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Historic Town Fair Claims Permanent Festival Status

by Joan Estenson

Intended to be brought back for one year in 2012, the year of Greenbelt's 75th anniversary, the Retro Town Fair at the Greenbelt Museum was so popular that it has become an annual event. Exhibitors may show their vegetables, flowers, canned goods and needlework/sewing, but the most popular category this year was baked goods, which took up two tables.

The Fair uses the Danish style of judging, which means each entry is judged on its own merits and as many ribbons can be



PHOTO COURTESY GREENBELT MUSEUM

A pie entry in the Retro Town Fair

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My First Labor Day Festival

by Joan Estenson

I arrived in Greenbelt just after the Labor Day Festival 2023, but I have to say I wouldn't have appreciated the Festival as much if that had been the first of the many Festivals and events I have now attended here.

I would describe the event as Greenbeltian, or perhaps the better word is Greenbelterian, because as with so much of life here the key word is participation. Greenbelters don't just sit back to be entertained, although that is part of the fun, but they are willing to throw themselves into being the entertainment as well. From the Rising Stars



PHOTO BY JEFFREY ALLEN JONES

A fan dances to the tunes of The Relics on Saturday afternoon.

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Lure of the Unexpected At GES PTA Book Sale

by Mark W. Sherman

For Calista Ausema, it was a chance to feed her interest in Russia and Eastern Europe. For Jason Delp, it was an opportunity to learn more about his wife's homeland. And for Sandra Flowe, it was a moment to pick up some items to homeschool her daughter.

Each was at the Greenbelt Elementary School Book Sale on Sunday, September 1, poring over boxes that seemed to beckon them personally.

Ausema was actually making sure she hadn't missed anything on Saturday, when she snagged a copy of *Crime and Punishment*,

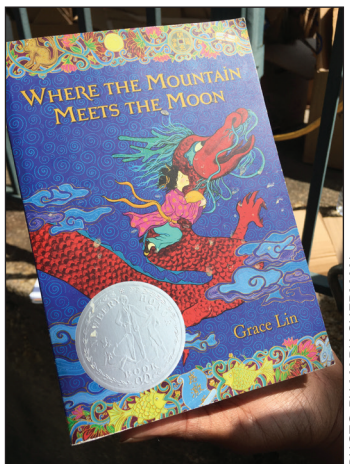


PHOTO BY MARK SHERMAN

One of Sandra Flowe's finds at the Labor Day book sale

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News Review's Cathie Meetre Is Outstanding Citizen for 2024

by Erica Johns

Cathie Meetre is Greenbelt's 2024 Outstanding Citizen, as announced at the Labor Day Festival's Opening Ceremonies on Friday, August 30, selected for her contributions toward preserving three iconic Greenbelt institutions. She applied her superb organizational skills, keen intellect, passion for learning and tenacity with liberal doses of humor and humility to address major challenges faced by the Greenbelt News Review, the Greenbelt Farmers Market and the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket.

Getting Here

Born and educated in England, Meetre taught math in Newfoundland, Canada, from which she was lured to Greenbelt in the 1970s by future husband Rick Meetre, whom she met during his Newfoundland vacation. They first encountered the Greenbelt spirit living in a Springhill Lake apartment in 1973, where Rick said they received the News Review and "were impressed by the community spirit clearly displayed in the paper – which we did not forget."

They began raising their daughters Lisa Psaromatis, Sarah



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

Outstanding Citizen of the Year 2024, Cathie Meetre, waves from an open-topped car during the Parade. Dea Zugby is driving the red Mini Cooper and Rick Meetre is in the passenger seat.

Liska and Jenny Meetre while Meetre began contributing to her new community. Five decades later she is still at it.

Early contributions included the GHI Nominations and Elections Committee, Labor Day Festival Committee and as a Girl Scout Brownie troop leader. Some remember her as a babysitting co-op member. She

was a Greenbelt Nursery School aide and St. Hugh's School math teacher before working at Goddard Space Flight Center. Earning a computer science master's degree while at Goddard, Meetre organized the efforts of contractor scientists, mathematicians and engineers on NASA missions and

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Making Waves on the Anacostia: Effort in Rowing, River Protection

by Amy Knesel

In a spirited display of community and teamwork, Greenbelters once again took to the waters of the Anacostia River for the Bladensburg Races. This year, two boats – Oar the Rainbow and Erg, Not Again – were crewed and led entirely by Greenbelters.

Hosted by the Washington Rowing School (WRS) on Tuesday, August 27, this year's regatta featured five boats crewed by D.C.-area rowers. Trey Sherard of Anacostia Riverkeeper provided invaluable pre-race information on the ongoing efforts to protect and improve the health of the Anacostia River. His insights highlighted the significant strides made since the Styrofoam ban of



PHOTO BY AMY KNESEL

Spectators watch the final race from Bladensburg Waterfront Park.

2016, which dramatically reduced the amount of Styrofoam found in the river (it was once the number one pollutant).

Similarly, the recent plastic bag ban has had a profound impact, with plastic bags no longer ranking among the top 10 items collected during river cleanups. As Sherard explained, "The success of these bans shows how powerful policy can be in protecting our waterways. Now, it's crucial that Marylanders advocate for the next step, a bottle bill."

Currently, 60 percent of the litter collected by weight consists of plastic bottles, and on land, drink containers make up

50 percent of all litter, including aluminum, glass and plastic bottles. For those inspired to take action, the Anacostia Riverkeeper website features dropdown menus where residents can learn more about the organization and how to get involved. Additionally, several cleanups are planned in the coming months, offering a hands-on opportunity to contribute to the river's health.

The rowing school, which sponsors this annual community challenge, has set a strong example with their no single-use water bottle policy, ensuring that

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What Goes On

Monday, September 9
7:30 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Wednesday, September 11
No Council Meeting

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar on greenbeltnmd.gov for more information.

Letters to the Editor

Greenbelt Is All About Community

Many things have changed in Greenbelt since 1955, and a good example of that is the annual Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. Festival events of the past, from beer gardens and pageants to fish fries and fish rodeos to bake sales, have been replaced by electric vehicles in the parade and 24/7 social media posts from the Festival grounds. While the initial intent of the Festival was raising funds to build the Youth Center, the Festival continued well past that and continues to demonstrate what Greenbelt is all about, COMMUNITY.

Thanks so much to the fantastic volunteers who pull this together every year. Their job doesn't just begin on the Friday of Labor Day weekend. They start meeting immediately after this year's event to plan for next year. We have no paid staff monitoring performance or checking spreadsheets, it is all done with the time and talents of caring volunteers.

Thanks to the sponsors who come through with support through their financial contributions to the 2024 Festival. As a 501(c)(3) organization, we rest solely on the funds raised in the current Festival weekend to plan for the next year's event.

Thanks to the City of Greenbelt. Every city department is a critical component for the success of the Festival. Lifting a very heavy load (literally and figuratively) is the Public Works Department who begin a week before and continue throughout the weekend to ensure we have everything we need to put our best face forward.

On behalf of the Labor Day Festival Board and Committee, we want to thank each Festival-goer for coming back year after year. When you saw us smiling and laughing at the Festival, it was because of you. Your excitement in anticipation for this annual event keeps us going and coming back. See you in 2025!

*Karen Yoho
President, Greenbelt
Labor Day Festival*

Keeping History Alive Through Cemeteries

Thanks to the Greenbelt News Review for keeping alive the question, "Who Was Here Before Greenbelt?" (August 29, 2024).

Readers interested in answers to that question can view several articles in your wonderful digital archive, beginning with Grave Mysteries in Greenbelt (GNR October 15, 2015, pages 12-13). Historians will want to consult the author, Kyla Hanington, who uncovered a trove of information that could not be included in that brief article. For her extensive research on cemeteries in Greenbelt, Hanington received the St. George's Award from the Prince George's County Historical Society (GNR April 13, 2017, page 6).

Hanington's research led the city to clear years of accumulated brambles, scrub and vines from the abandoned section of the Turner cemetery, revealing even more plain-stone-marked graves than the ones Hanington uncovered during her research, and which city officials said they knew were there all along. A story in the Greenbelt News Review from September 29, 2016, recounts the cleanup and the new preservation efforts undertaken by the city following Hanington's initial story in 2015.

The work of locating, preserving and honoring those buried in gravesites that are unmarked or marked with plain stones continues. Chris Haley's efforts on that subject can be read about in the Greenbelt News Review's May 27, 2021, issue and by watching his film Unmarked, the subject of that May 27, 2021, story.

The Greenbelt News Review has had many recent stories on cemeteries and the work being done to preserve them and I am pleased to read that the work continues.

Daniel Hamlin

Volunteers Are Outstanding

I am honored to be the Outstanding Citizen of 2024 and join an august company of predecessors. And yes, I was taken by surprise, duped, hornswoggled and led astray!

Mostly, I just try to get things done and stay out of the way. In this I am forever aided by the many volunteers of Greenbelt. In the News Review it is a cast of about 40 people who every week play their varied roles to deliver a community newspaper that I'm not sure has a peer in this country. The masks of 2020 were made by some indefatigable Greenbelt seamstresses and I just

made sure they had fabric, thread and elastic and that their product got delivered. The Farmers Market rustles up a double handful of people every week to load, unload, advise and orchestrate. It's all those people that are at the heart of Greenbelt's special spirit – I just grease the skids.

If you don't volunteer yet, give it a try. If you've ever remarked how great a place this is to live but don't pitch in, find your niche – give an hour or more a month and see how good it feels. That help, in whatever quantity, is what makes this a civilization. And you'll make friends and connect too.

Rick Meetre and I have been together for over 52 years and he deserves a sustained round of applause. I can't count how many times he's schlepped things, picked stuff up or sat patiently while I babbled on about projects. Whatever contributions I've made would not have been possible without his love and support. Though he and I need to have a little talk – it was his line of patter that got me unsuspecting to the stage on Friday.

Cathie Meetre



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the 1866 Russian novel by Fyodor Dostoevsky, along with a 1991 volume on travel in the former Soviet Union.

“I’ve basically been coming my whole life,” said the Greenbelt resident. “It’s definitely gotten bigger, but in a lot of ways, it’s remarkably the same – lots of big boxes of books.”

Delp scored an uncorrected proof of Modern Japanese Diaries, in which various Japanese individuals describe their travels to China, Europe and the United States between 1860 and 1920.



Young browsers at the Festival book sale

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awarded as the judges see fit. This contrasts with the American system which judges all the entries in a class, allowing for a limited number of awards.

In the baked goods category, entries may be from any era but some bakers do research to find historical recipes. Elliot Merker, a food historian and one of the baked goods judges, pointed out the three historical entries this year. Red velvet cake was first baked during WWI when less chocolate was available and the cakes turned out more red than brown. The appearance continued to change during WWII, depending on ingredients, and the cake continued to change until it became the bright red version known today.

The chocolate sauerkraut cake was a WWII invention when it was difficult to get coconut. The amaretto peach upside-down

cake was the final historical entry among the many more familiar sweets.

Kathy Labukas, one of the two judges for flowers, vegetables and canned goods, said if she could change one thing she would have canned goods exhibitors label their jars with what the product is and the date it was canned.

Two beautiful quilts were among the needlework/sewing projects. Other crafts included homegrown loofahs with crocheted edges, ready for use for dishes or in the bath.

It is never too soon to get ready for next year’s Retro Town Fair. Test your recipes, harvest your garden or plan what you’ll grow and can next year, gather your needles, yarn or fabric and prepare to show off your projects during the next Labor Day Festival.



The selection of Cathie Mee- tre as Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizen for 2024 makes her the 14th Greenbelter whose nomination was based at least in part on service to the Greenbelt News Review. Her fellow News Review members are pleased as punch to congratulate her on her official recognition as a Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen, which we already knew to be true.

Thanks to the Labor Day Festival Committee and the volunteers whose hard work makes our city’s wonderful festival possible each year.

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showcase to the Retro Town Fair, the art show, the photo show and the competitions on the athletic fields, Greenbelters are all in.

Then there is the music: The Relics, the Greenbelt Honk! Situation, Granny of Granny and the Boys and Kieran Lally all are native Greenbelters or live here now. Unfortunately, Eddie of Eddie and the Slowpokes, couldn’t

add his musical contribution this year.

Then there are the groups who shared Greenbelt with the many guests, either in the parade, providing their organizations’ information at the booths on Saturday or selling their crafts on Sunday and Monday. Even on the midway, amid mostly imported vendors, there were local groups raising funds.

A young Greenbelter was asked recently what his favorite holiday is, and he said Labor Day. The questioners, who don’t live here, are probably still scratching their heads. But I get it.



Entries for the Retro Town Fair

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Holiday Services At Mishkan Torah

Mishkan Torah invites all to join in the High Holidays this year. Come and celebrate in this warm, friendly and inclusive Jewish community. Interfaith and LGBTQ+ families are very welcome. Rosh Hashanah services will be held October 2 to 4 and Yom Kippur services October 11 to 12. Children’s services will be available. Learn more and register on the website at MishkanTorah.org.

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Genesis 2:3

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September 8, 2024 at 3:00 pm
Building A New Way

Anthony Jenkins with Worship Associates Carol Cater Walker and Jim Flaherty

In the spirit of our September theme (Love), we’ll celebrate Ingathering by centering ourselves in Beloved Community – with a shared intention to build together with love. As we begin this new church year, we’ll consider some of what we’re seeking to create in our lives (individually, congregationally, politically, environmentally, etc.), as well some of the fears that often get in love’s way.

Streaming on PBUUC’s Facebook page, on Zoom, and in person. Worship service held at University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD

Holy Cross Lutheran Church -Missouri Synod-
6905 Greenbelt Road

SUNDAY
Divine Service: 9:30am
Fellowship/Bible Study: 11:00am

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City Notes

The city manager met with Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department representatives to discuss collaboration, public safety and an upcoming community town hall; with bidders for the armory feasibility study; and with the Public Information Team and the executive director of CASA to discuss community partnership opportunities.

Finance finalized preparations to launch online bill pay for city residents the week of September 2.

Planning Staff met with the Prince George’s County Vision Zero Program Coordinator and with M-NCPPC and Neighborhood Design Center on the Greenbelt Strategic Wayfinding Plan updates. They also worked on procurement documents for the WMATA trail and conducted a final walk-through of work on the Mother and Child statue.

The new Animal Shelter supervisor began work. The Animal Shelter is hosting five dogs, four adult cats and one kitten. The annual Pooch Plunge is scheduled for September 7.

Golden Age Club
Upcoming Activities

The Golden Age Club meets from 11 a.m. to noon each Wednesday. Visitors are welcome.

The schedule for this month is: September 11, members will ask, “Where Were You on 9/11?”; September 18, celebrate members with birthdays this month – bring snacks to share; and September 25, bingo.

CARES Needs
Fund Donations

For the past three years, Greenbelt CARES has used federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money to help prevent evictions brought on by Covid. The ARPA money ran out in October. Once again, it is up to Greenbelt residents to help our neighbors. Although evictions have decreased since the pandemic, families are still facing eviction because of increases in rent, illness, death of a family member or a financial crisis such as expensive medical care or car repairs.

A recent poll shows that many persons do not have financial stability due to a lack of job security, no health insurance and decreased ability to save for a financial crisis.

The Greenbelt Emergency Assistance Fund continues to be that safety net for Greenbelters in a financial crisis whatever the reason. Those who are able can help by donating to the fund.

Make checks out to Greenbelt CARES, write Emergency Assistance Fund in the memo space and mail to Greenbelt CARES, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 (or place in the secure drop box at that address). Or, go to GreenbeltMD.gov, click Pay Online at the top of the page and choose Charitable Donations. Complete the form, indicating the donation is for the Emergency Assistance Fund, and click submit; the payment page then will come up with a form to enter credit card or PayPal information.

Crisis Hotline's
Number is 988

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline dialing code is 988. Calls and text messages are confidential and free.



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
Monday, September 9, 2024 at 7:30 pm

ORGANIZATION

Call to Order
Roll Call
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Petitions and Requests
Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations
- PEACE Month Proclamation
- National Public Lands Day Proclamation
*** Minutes**
- **Statement for the Record - Closed Session - August 19, 2024**
- **Administrative Reports**
*** Committee Reports**

LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein when Total Fiscal Year Purchases from each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars - *2nd Reading and Adoption*
- An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 8, “Elections” of the Greenbelt City Code, in Order to Revise Section 8-2 “Voter Registration” to Allow Noncitizen Residents of the City of Greenbelt to Vote in the City of Greenbelt Elections - *1st Reading*
- A Resolution to Repeal and Replace City Charter Section 15, “Voters”; Section 18, “Registration for Election; Universal Registration”; Section 19, “Registration”; Section 26, “Voter Identity”; Section 33, “Appeals”; to Allow Noncitizen Residents to Vote in Local City Elections - *1st Reading*

OTHER BUSINESS

- Authorization of Engine Rebuild or the Replacement of Vehicle 607
- Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Three-Year Contract with Thomson Reuters for Access to the Law Enforcement CLEAR Investigative Database
- Charter Review Committee
- Municipal Land Use Authority
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
*** Meetings**
- Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contract with Murphy & Dittenhafer for Armory Feasibility Study
*** Contract Approval for City Manager Performance Evaluation Services**
*** Stakeholders**
*** Resignation/Appointment to Advisory Board**

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 9-13

Wednesday, September 11, **NO MEETING**

Thursday, September 12 at 6:30 pm, **GREENBELT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TOWN HALL**

Thursday, September 12 at 5:30 pm, **BOARD OF ELECTIONS (VIRTUAL)**

Thursday, September 12 at 5:30 pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVIOSRY BOARD (VIRTUAL)**

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POOCH PLUNGE!
Saturday, September 7
11 am - 3 pm

Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway

Join us on Saturday, September 7 at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center for Pooch Plunge 2024! There will be two sessions: 11 am - 12:50 pm and 1 - 3pm. Entry is \$10 per dog, exact cash only please. One dog per handler, and handlers must be 18+.

You must show proof of rabies vaccination to enter and please note, ***tags are not sufficient!*** 50 dogs max per session, first come, first serve. No handlers in the pool and swimming with the dogs is not allowed. You can pick up registration forms beforehand at the Aquatic Center or at the Police booth during the Labor Day Festival!





GREENBELT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
TOWN HALL
Thursday, September 12, 6:30 pm
Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department, 125 Crescent Road



Join us for a town hall meeting to discuss the impact of the Prince George’s County summer staffing plan and the removal of career personnel from the Greenbelt Fire Station. We have invited Fire Chief Tiffany D. Green to address our ongoing concerns and share information in an open dialogue.

CURRENT CARES PROGRAMS

CARES is happy to provide the following programs FREE of charge:

- **Pink Pantry Opn Registration.** This quarterly program assists low-income Greenbelt residents to access free menstrual products. To register call (240) 424-0302 or email bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.
- **Greenbelt Nursery Project.** Our Greenbelt Nursery project is dedicated to supporting families with young children. We provide 6 Home Visits that offer personalized care and resources. To register call (240) 424-0302 or email bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.
- **Emergency Diaper Distribution.** Must register <https://forms.gle/q92AAhgUyNhQ43U08>. Call (240) 424-0302.
- **Produce Distribution** at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, Lower Level Parking Lot, 25 Crescent Road
Upcoming Dates: September 19, from 1 - 3 pm
- **Produce Distribution** at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Ln (*Greenbelt West Residents Only*)
Upcoming Dates: September 19, from 3 - 4:15 pm

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To register, contact Sharon Johnson, GAIL Program Community Case Manager, at (240) 542-2029 or email sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov.

BUDDY ATTICK PARK DRAFT MASTER PLAN WORK SESSION
Wednesday, October 16, 7:30 pm

Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

The Buddy Attick Park (BAP) Draft Master Plan can be viewed online at <https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/BAPMP>.

A City Council Work Session is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16 at 7:30pm in the Greenbelt Municipal Building (25 Crescent Road). The City Council Work Session is open to the public. If you would like to provide written feedback, please send your comments to BAPproject@greenbeltmd.gov by Friday, October 4, 2024.

ONLINE BILL PAY

The City of Greenbelt launched online bill pay services on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. Residents are now able to pay their bills via check, bank transfer, debit card, or credit card.

To find out more information and to sign-up, visit ow.ly/Jo9450TaHTH.

GREEN RIDGE HOUSE OPENS WAIT LIST

Green Ridge House, the City of Greenbelt’s HUD Section 8-202 apartment building, will open its waiting list from Monday, September 16 through 20, 2024 from 9 am - 4 pm. Green Ridge House is an independent living apartment building located at 22 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. All applicants must apply in person and be 62 years of age or older.

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Board of Education Elects New Leadership Following Impasse

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

This summer Judy Mickens-Murray along with Juanita Miller and Jocelyn Route, all of whom were appointed members, left the Prince George’s County Board of Education, which is transitioning to a fully elected body. Madeleine LaSalle Frazier (District 8) is the only remaining appointed member and her term will expire this year. Mickens-Murray was elected chair of the board in January 2023 and the term does not end until December 5 of this year. It took two meetings, numerous rounds of deadlocked voting and an off-camera recess to elect a new chair and vice chair.

July 1 Meeting

At a special virtual meeting on July 1 the board voted to elect a new chair rather than have the vice chair automatically succeed for the remainder of the term. However, it could not agree on who should fill that role and found itself split 5-5 between votes for Brannndon Jackson, who represents District 5, and Lolita Walker, who represents District 9 and was the current vice chair and acting chair. Some concerns were expressed about Walker overseeing the special meeting to appoint a chair when she was one of the candidates. After two rounds of voting ending in a dead heat the board voted to reconvene on July 11 to vote again.

Walker Elected Chair

On July 11, the board held a second session of a special meeting to determine leadership of the board. During the first round of voting, Jackson conceded his candidacy for chair for the sake of unity on the board and in hope to bring the board together, he said. Even following his concession, board members continued to vote for Jackson but Jackson’s own vote was sufficient to change the outcome with the final tally 6-4 in favor of Walker.

Impasse Over Vice Chair

Walker immediately resigned from her position as vice chair and called for nominations. Shay-



Lolita E. Walker



Kenneth F. Harris II

- Photos courtesy PGCPs

la Adams-Stafford nominated Jackson and Frazier nominated Kenneth F. Harris II. Though called on by the chair to turn his camera on, former board member David Murray, who has since resigned after it was revealed he was living and working in a different state, was allowed to participate and vote with his camera off, despite the board’s rules to the contrary.

Two rounds of voting ended in a tie of 5-5.

The chair presented the option to set a time to reconvene before the next meeting or to continue the vote at the next meeting on August 29. Neither option could garner a majority of votes from the board so the rounds of voting for vice chair continued.

Two further rounds of voting ended in a stalemate of the same five members voting for Jackson and the same five for Harris.

Calls to Meet in Private

Board Member Zipporah Miller asked for the possibility of a room to convene in. Walker clarified to the parliamentarian the suggestion was for a small group to convene and then come back to voting. The parliamentarian advised such a move would interfere with voting that was already in progress.

Walker then asked if she could ask for a recess and was told she could without objection or with a majority vote. She then attempted to clarify if the recess was “a pause” or if it would be “with cameras off” but withdrew the question.

Adams-Stafford asked if the board could suspend voting and

Roberts Rules to have an executive session to talk amongst themselves before voting. She reiterated her desire to suspend voting “so that we can have a sidebar as a group and solve this.” Walker suggested that coming back to vote on August 29 would give the group several days in advance to do just that. The parliamentarian read from the Open Meetings Act the 15 reasons an executive session can be called and suggested none fit the circumstances. “I don’t see any reason that would fit,” he told the group in conclusion. Adams-Stafford then asked to go ahead with a recess.

Walker called for a five-minute recess without objections.

Harris Elected Vice Chair

Immediately following the five-minute recess, which was not recorded, the meeting continued with a fifth vote. This time Board Member Pamela Boozer-Strother (District 3) changed her vote from Jackson to Harris and Harris was elected vice chair 6-4.

Recess

Asked about the use of a recess when the board members clearly wished to meet off-camera and privately but could not legally call an executive session, Walker responded to the News Review, “As the chair of the Prince George’s County Board of Education, I am responsible for ensuring that our meetings are conducted in a manner that is legal, productive and conducive to moving the board’s business forward. During the recess, the chair did not call for discussions, thus, no formal discussions were held, as this is a violation of the Maryland Open Meetings Act.” Walker stressed that proposing a recess in situations of impasse is typical. The recess “provided a much-needed moment of repose, allowing members to return to the meeting with a renewed focus and, ultimately, contributed to resolving the impasse,” she stated.

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Mayor Emmett Jordan wins the annual pie-eating competition.

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EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

Greenbelter Banishes Bamboo, Encourages Native Plantings

by Amy Hansen

Working with hand-held clip-pers close to the ground, Kim-berly Schmidt attacked sprouts of bamboo that dared to sprout. Schmidt and her co-gardener, Xochitl Zamora Thompson, have worked for two years clearing the bamboo that once bracketed the city’s blacktop path between Lakeside Drive and Ridge Road.

Schmidt said they get some assistance from the public works department when necessary, and that they’ve been working with the guidance of Greenbelt’s En-vironmental Coordinator, Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll. For his part, Carpenter-Driscoll added, that Schmidt and Thompson “have been volunteering their time to help steward that area and the City greatly appreciates their ef-forts.”

But even with the backup of city professionals, their task seems almost Sisyphean. In Greek myth, Sisyphus pushes a boulder uphill every day. Every night, the boulder rolls back and Sisyphus has to start all over again.

In the plant world, bamboo, poison ivy and other invasives seem to roll back into cleared ar-eas despite people actively trying to banish them. Schmidt, how-ever, is determined. If she needs to cut the bamboo down sprout by sprout she is willing to do so. “All you can do is just cut, cut, cut until there is no more energy in the roots,” she said. “It’s a five-to-10-year process.”

Schmidt is trained as a Prince George’s County Audubon native habitat advisor, but she says her love of plants came from her



The yellow dot on the leaf is a zebra swallowtail egg. The rare but-terflies often lay eggs on pawpaw leaves.

grandmother. “My grandmother taught me how to spread manure. We had a huge garden when I grew up; it was how I was raised.”

On the hill next to the black-top, she pointed out all the native plants that are now growing in the area. The city planted paw-paw trees after the July 2022 storm knocked out five mature oak trees that used to shade the whole path. Now the pawpaws take in the sun. They’re only about five feet tall, but they look healthy. And they are important for the whole ecosystem, Schmidt said, pointing at one of the long, oblong leaves with a tiny spot. “That’s a zebra swallowtail egg,” she said. The butterfly species is listed as rare and pawpaws are one of its chosen habitats. In addition, she pointed out native

cutleaf coneflowers, late-blooming boneset and ironweed, all of which feed pollinating insects. “It’s a slow process, but it is already so much better than last year,” Schmidt said.

- Photos by Amy Hansen



Kimberly Schmidt stands with cutleaf cone flowers.



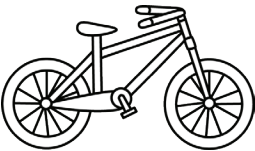
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Cyclists, mark those calen-dars: on Saturday, October 19 from 1 to 3 p.m., the GHI Bi-cycle Committee will hold its annual Fall Social at the GHI Building on Hamilton Place. Presentations will include a ba-sic bicycle safety check and tips for backpacking with a bicycle. More details to follow.



Senior Nutrition Program Luncheon

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program pro-vides lunch for seniors Monday through Friday at the Commu-nity Center beginning at 11:30 a.m. Meals must be reserved two weeks ahead so that enough food is ordered. Participants must complete a registration form in person at the Community Center office, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. There is a suggested donation. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 with questions.

Two menu options, one veg-etarian, will be offered for each luncheon. All meals, which pro-vide at least one third of recom-mended dietary allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk.

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CALL for POETS and VISUAL ARTISTS: Ekphrastic Fantastic Art Show

FONDCA (Friends of New Deal Café Arts) is seeking submissions for the show Ekphrastic Fantastic, which is scheduled to be displayed from November 3, 2024, to December 29, 2024, at New Deal Café!

Have you written a poem that lends itself to interpretation in a painting or drawing? Have you created a painting or drawing that would inspire a poet to write a companion piece? This might be the show for you!

We are seeking 15 artists and 15 poets to create pieces for this show.

Here’s how it works: poets and artists interested in participating submit a poem or a drawing or painting. We’ll select 15 poems and 15 paintings or drawings from the submissions. Each poem will be assigned to a visual artist and each piece of visual art will be assigned to a poet for creation of a new piece in response. Identities of the poets and artists will be secret until the show is hung.

Please send submissions to julieawinters@verizon.net by Sunday, September 22. Poems should be sent as Word documents or Google documents if possible. For visual art, please send a good-quality photograph of the piece, along with title, dimensions, and description (mixed media, watercolor, pencil, etc.). Participants will receive confirmation of selection and assignment of pieces for creation of response art/poetry by September 29; the deadline for the new pieces is October 27.



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wrote contract proposals for her employer and later for clients of her own small business.

Organizing is a constant theme in Meetre's life. News Review Editor Mary Lou Williamson said she has a "knack for finding wrinkles in a system and wanting to make it work better." Also ever-present are her wonderful writing skills, dry British wit, generous hospitality and the boundless energy that keeps her going with her many activities, interests and large family.

Greenbelt News Review

After earlier stints, Meetre rejoined the News Review in 2011 and was elected president of the board of directors in 2015. Readers may appreciate the News Review on their doorstep every week, without knowing what it takes to make that happen. Amid challenges in 2015, including increasing production costs, Meetre led the board to think about the paper as a business.

She applied business experience, technical expertise and energy to update electronic capabilities for the paper's production and business functions. She identified the risks of out-sourcing the paper's layout, leading to bringing the layout process in-house. This offered paid work to Greenbelters, made production more efficient and reduced the late-night hours some volunteers had been working. Meetre's technical skills offered ways for staff to work remotely during the 2020 pandemic lockdown, and the paper never missed an issue for Greenbelters who appreciated the comfort of getting their weekly community news throughout that difficult time.

When much of Greenbelt East abruptly lost doorstep distribution of the News Review in 2022, Meetre noticed. It took her some time and a bit of finagling, but the weekly newspaper returned to those doorsteps.

Meetre led the move from black-and-white to color printing at a lower cost with a new printing company. Since the paper depends on ad revenue, she created electronic tools to smooth the transfer of ads to the layout team and reduce errors in ad accounting, along with tools to manage billing.

She established – with others – the Greenbelt Archive Project to preserve in a digital archive the deteriorating paper issues published since 1937. Meetre formed a 501c(3) nonprofit to seek grants and secured funding, office space, equipment and University of Maryland Libraries' support. Past and current issues of the Greenbelt Cooperator and Greenbelt News Review are now accessible online to social histo-



2024 Outstanding Citizen Cathie Meetre, center, receives a mother and child statuette from Mayor Emmett Jordan, right, and Councilmember Kristen Weaver.

rians, urban planners, Greenbelt residents and anyone interested in this iconic planned community.

Meetre is always looking for grants and writing proposals, a theme echoed in her Farmers Market and Co-op service. Williamson said she gathers ideas and presents them well. Other News Review examples include a Covid recovery grant to address financial losses and a 2024 grant to upgrade the website for easier maintenance and to better enable advertisers to size, price, submit and pay for classified and display ads online.

Williamson said that during Meetre's tenure, the board became more cohesive, actively contributing to understanding challenges, deciding how to address them and acting on their decisions. She described Meetre as ensuring everyone can contribute their ideas. Meetre demonstrated this during a 2023 profile of the News Review, saying, "Innovative ideas are successful only because the staff is brave enough to try them. ... All the staff provide leadership, since our democratic nature means anyone

who suggests an idea can be a leader."

Meetre's service has ensured an attractive, readable newspaper, reduced the effort and cost to produce it, increased its ability to attract and retain volunteers and enables all Greenbelt residents to see themselves in their community newspaper. She has positioned the paper to continue serving Greenbelt for the next 87 years and beyond, with independent local news to equip city residents for informed public debate and decision making, the backbone of democracy.

Farmers Market

Meetre used her organizational skills to improve the Greenbelt Farmers Market operation in its early days and served as board member and treasurer from 2013-2021. She obtained county occupancy permits annually, wrote grant applications, organized accounting, digitized the market layout (for occupancy permits and weekly market planning) and wrote News Review stories to entice shoppers. She opened her house for business meetings and still honors volunteers with a yearly party.

Co-op's Leaky Roof

In 2018, Meetre, Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket board member Dorrie Bates and volunteer Steve Skolnik, understanding the dire condition of the Co-op roof, created the Rays on the Roof project to provide a new roof with a solar array. Meetre promoted the project in the News Review, raising over \$400,000 in matching funds from Co-op members to qualify for a \$350,000 state grant. The array began operating in early 2021, producing electricity for the store, dramatically reducing its utility bills and offsetting nearly 1.3 million pounds of carbon dioxide, not to mention avoiding spending thousands of dollars to replace food and merchandise damaged

by rain pouring through the roof. The project enabled the Co-op to become more financially secure and helped Greenbelt retain one of its most important businesses in the heart of the city.

Spare Time

In her spare time, Meetre doesn't stop organizing. She's known for renovating houses, organizing group ski vacations and planning international biking trips with Rick, not to mention the marching kazoo band in 1980s Labor Day parades. She coordinated a 2020 effort that sewed and distributed thousands of free Covid masks. She loves cooking and socializing, hosting volunteer appreciation parties, Christmas

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Greenbelt Police Department reported a domestic incident involving assault, a mental health diversion and an incident involving Child Protective Services.

Attempted Robbery

On August 29 at 3:32 p.m. near 7730 Hanover Parkway, suspects threatened a boy and demanded his property, but ran away before taking anything.

DUI Arrests

On August 26 at 4:35 a.m. near 7619 Greenbelt Road, after a two-vehicle accident, one driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol and was arrested, charged, and later released on citation.

On August 28 at 8:04 p.m. near 9148 Edmonston Road, a drunk man was operating a vehicle, and was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

Threats

On August 29 at 8:29 p.m. near 550 Crescent Road, an individual threatened two other individuals with violence on a social media platform, including threatening to shoot them.

Trespassing

On August 26 at 8:57 a.m. near 7480 Greenway Center Drive, a man was issued a criminal citation for trespassing after refusing to leave a hotel property. He was transported to a nearby hospital complaining of back pain.

Fraud

On August 26 near 6000 Greenbelt Road, three people paid money to someone who promised them a job, but after the person received the funds, no jobs were provided; near 7303 Hanover Parkway, a check was mailed, intercepted and cashed by an unknown suspect; near 8015 Mandan Road, unauthorized charges resulted in negative impacts on a woman's credit score.

On August 27 at 3:08 p.m. near 7505 Greenway Center Drive, someone tried to deposit an altered check for over \$100,000.

On August 28 near 550 Crescent Road, money was taken from an account without permission.



Theft

On September 1 at 9:33 p.m. near 105 Centerway, a boy left his bicycle in front of a store without securing it, and when he returned it was gone.

Commercial Theft

On August 28 at 3:59 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man stole one item; at 11:39 a.m. near 7583 Greenbelt Road, two women stole several items and fled in an SUV bearing a tag stolen from a different vehicle.

On August 29 at 12:42 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, someone stole merchandise.

On August 30 at 9:40 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, officers located a shoplifter and recovered the items; the thief was identified and banned from the property. At 12:06 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a man was recorded on surveillance as he put items in a cart and wheeled them out the emergency exit.

On September 1 at 8:10 a.m. near 7607 Greenbelt Road, two men stole several items and fled in a white Hyundai Elantra. At 2:20 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man who had stolen several items was taken into custody; the items were recovered, and he was issued a criminal citation.

Vehicle Crime Stolen Vehicles

On September 1, two vehicles were stolen: near 5902 Cherrywood Terrace, a white Hyundai Elantra (Md. 5CX4297); and near 5901 Cherrywood Lane, a black 2020 Zhejiang Riya motor scooter (Md. 332Y54).

Stolen Vehicles Located

On August 27 near 6001 Springhill Drive, a vehicle was reported stolen after the owner's relative took it without permission.

On August 28 near 5807 Cherrywood Lane, a vehicle reported stolen from Charles County was recovered.

Theft from Auto

On August 30, wheels were stolen from vehicles near 6320 Golden Triangle Drive and near 6700 Lake Park Drive.

Vandalism to Auto

On August 27 near 16 Ridge Road, a car was vandalized for the second time in two months.

On August 29 near 7423 Greenbelt Road, a vehicle's tire was punctured by a sharp object.

Vehicle windows were broken on August 30 near 13 Ridge Road, and on August 31 near 9308 Edmonston Road.

Art Show Favorites



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Winners of the Community Choice awards for art are Bailey by Amanda Spaid (cat painting, top left), Enchanted Forest and Rough Waters, both by Ward Kennedy (bottom left and center), Little Engine that Could by Mary Wirick (hanging, at right) and Pipeline by Ward Kennedy (bottom right).

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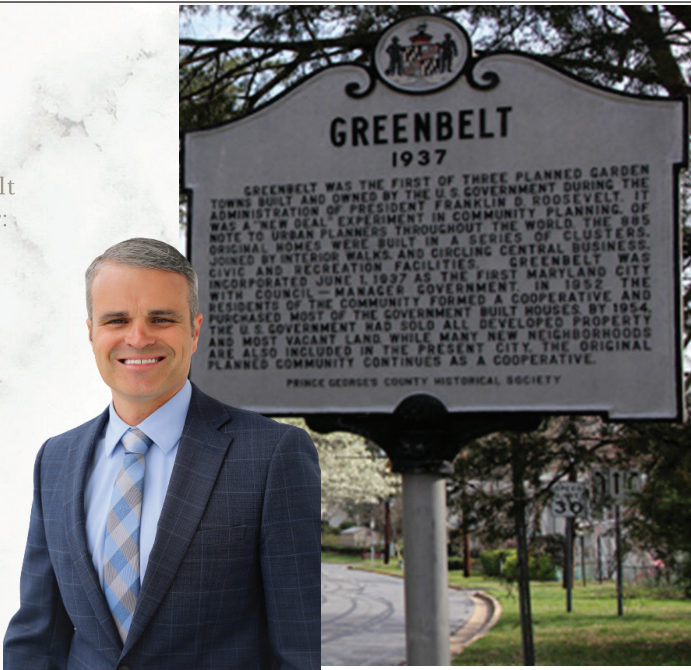
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#1 in Sales for Greenbelt from 2017-2023



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their rowers stay hydrated while minimizing environmental impact.

This year’s Greenbelt crews included two young rowers, Henry Turner and Sam Winternitz (both 12), who each expressed their enthusiasm for the sport and the environment. Turner shared, “I love rowing because each rower has to move together like segments of a centipede. Each rower has to trust the others in order to move as one.”

Glenn Needham, who crewed with (and made the team bandanas for) Erg, Not Again, said, “I’ve always wanted to try rowing, but never had access to the sport. I took a Learn to Scull class at Washington Rowing School and found out about the community challenge; one month later I jumped in a boat with eight other Greenbelters and gave it all I had. What a great challenge!”

As the crews paddled their way down the Anacostia, they embodied the spirit of community – working together not only to achieve their rowing goals but also to contribute to the ongoing efforts to protect the local environment. Neither of the Greenbelt teams made it to the third-round championship race, but they had tons of fun.

For both seasoned rowers or someone looking to make a difference, there are plenty of ways to get involved. Join a cleanup, advocate for environmental policies or even pick up a pair of oars – every bit counts. As Coach Cindy Cole, a WRS founder, encouraged one rower, “You are more capable than you give yourself credit for!”

Amy Knesel is one of the Greenbelt rowers.



Both Greenbelt crews: Oar the Rainbow in tie-dye and Erg, Not Again in green

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dinners, New Year’s Day open houses and regular dinners for family including three daughters, 14 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren (with another on the way) and in-laws. Not stopping there, she has started taking piano lessons in recent years.

Appreciation

Consider the breadth of Meetre’s contributions and the scope of her impact. Between the News Review, the Farmers Market and the Co-op, her efforts may have touched every Greenbelter. Beneficiaries know little of how the Farmers Market came to be available for them, what it took to fund Rays on the Roof to preserve the Co-op’s service to Greenbelters, or the business and technical acumen it takes to ensure they can read the News Review into the future. Meetre downplays her role, describing her activities as team efforts in which others were key to success. But thinking about the vision, leadership and hours this amazing woman has donated to these causes, and the passion, enthusiasm, humor and modesty

she brings to them, makes it easy to agree that Cathie Meetre is an Outstanding Citizen of Greenbelt.

Meetre was further recognized by proclamations presented by or on behalf of Greenbelt’s mayor and city council, Prince George’s County Councilmember Ingrid Watson, the Maryland state legislative delegation and U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen. These were accompanied by gift certificates and gifts from Cedars of Lebanon, East Pearl Asian Bistro, Generous Joe’s, Greenbelt Barber and Stylist, Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket, Greenbelt Exxon, Greenbelt Liquors, Jersey Mike’s, New Deal Café, Silver Diner, Three Brothers and Wood’s Flowers and Gifts at the ceremony, which was sponsored by the Greenbelt Rotary Club, Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS), Franklin Park owner Fieldstone Properties, The SPACE and Prince George’s Community Federal Credit Union.



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Upper Level 1 Bedroom GHI Home Refinished hardwood flooring throughout. Remodeled kitchen. Full-sized washer/dryer in separate laundry room.

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Best in Parade
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1st Runner-up: PG Sheriff’s Office, \$50

Best in Parade – Car
Greenbelt Cinema, \$100+Trophy
1st Runner-up: C-Ryderz Corvette, \$50

Most Humorous
Greenbelt Girl Scout Service Unit 22-5, \$100+Trophy
1st Runner-up: Town Center Realty, \$50

Best Pet Unit
Greenbelt Dog training, \$200+Trophy
1st Runner-up: Greenbelt Police McGruff Mascot, \$100

Best Performing Group
Greenbelt Honk! Situation, \$300+Trophy
1st Runner-up: Eleanor Roosevelt High School Cheerleaders, \$200

Best Novelty
Seabrook Seahawks Pathfinder Club, \$100+Trophy
1st Runner-up: Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, \$50

Best Theme
Maser, \$200+Trophy
1st Runner-up: Greenbelt Elementary School PTA, \$100

People’s Choice
Shay Fierce Dance Academy, \$100+Trophy
1st Runner-up: Royal Diamond Athletic Cheerleaders, \$50

Best Community
Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team, \$200+Trophy
1st Runner-up: Greenbelt Art, \$100

Most Entertaining
DuVal High School Marching Band, \$100+Trophy
1st Runner-up: Greenbelt Nursery School, \$50



Greenbelt Honk! Situation wins Best Performing Group in the Parade.



Greenbelt Girl Scout Service Unit 22-5 wins Most Humorous.



Angela Alsobrooks walks in the Parade with a large contingent of supporters.



The Eleanor Roosevelt High School cheerleaders perform at the Parade, winning 1st Runner-up Best Performing Group.



Greenbelt Elementary School students fly to new heights in the Parade, with the PTA winning 1st Runner-up in Best Theme.



US Representatives Steny Hoyer, left, and Glenn Ivey, take part in the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade.



The S.I.T.Y. Stars win Best in Parade.



The Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team wins Best Community in the Parade. Their float had a painted barracuda on each side, balloon "bubbles," team members operating bubble blowers from the float and plenty of cheers and signs among the marchers.